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W. C. T. U. DEPARTMENT.

Florida More Than Half Free.

Of the 45 counties of Florida, 27 are under entire prohibition of the beverage sale of intoxicating liquors.

Of the remaining 18 counties, 8 have the liquor traffic cornered in a single town or city, leaving but 10 counties where license is the general policy. Even in these 10 counties prohibition rules throughout the rural district under the State law forbidding the sale of liquor within four miles of a school-house or church outside of incorporated towns or cities.

Of the total population of the State of 528,542, there are 272,054, more than one-half, living in counties where total prohibition reigns. These counties would be well protected, so far as law can protect, were it not for the liquor shipped in under the protection of the interstate commerce law.

Besides these 27 total prohibition counties, the following is a list of eight counties where liquor is allowed to be sold in but one town or city:

County.	Population.
Clay	5,663
Gadsden	15,446
Monroe	18,006
Nassau	9,654
Osceola	3,444
Putnam	11,641
Santa Rosa	10,293

Total..... 89,441

In the whole State, therefore, there are but 159,047 people living in counties where license is the policy in more than one town or city.

The temperance in Florida has been largely a matter of spontaneous combustion. The past as well as the existing organizations that war on alcohol have never been strong or very active. There has generally been a Prohibition party ticket in the field, but no systematic campaign has ever been waged in its interest.

A year ago a State organization of the Anti-Saloon League was formed, but as yet it has but little more than a paper organization. It has not yet found its "sea-legs."

The W. C. T. U. has been more active than any other temperance organization. It has a fairly good State organization, headed by Miss Minnie E. Neal, of DeLand, as president, and has exercised some influence on legislation. It was the W. C. T. U. and the Times-Union, of this city, that defeated the formidable attempt to saddle the dispensary upon the State a few years ago. This scheme was an attempt to divert the local prohibition movement into another channel and, at the same time, provide machinery for marketing the products of the brewery and the distillery, where the "blight of prohibition" was cutting off sales.

The real "prohibition agitators" or Florida have been the saloons themselves. For the saloons would make drunken ignorant negroes, who ran amuck with knife, revolver and torch, burning, shooting and ravishing the innocent and unoffending. Every outrage of this sort was a "prohibition argument" that the people could see and feel and know. There was no answer to the argument. Hanging or burning the drunken negro did not answer it. Eulogies over the corpse of the victim did not answer it. "Preaching the gospel" did not answer it. The revenue argument did not answer it.

City.	Saloons.	Tax.	Blind Tigers.
Jacksonville.....	88	152	64
Tampa and West			
Tampa.....	70	123	53
Key West.....	26	47	21
Totals.....	184	322	138

From the above table it appears that 138 of these 393 blind tigers exist in three of the license cities of the State.

Year by year and month by month the lines are being drawn more closely round the neck of the liquor traffic in this State. Practically all of those who are at all active in denouncing the saloon evil are party prohibitionists. These are the salt of the earth in Florida. Their continuous "hammering" added to the outrages of the saloon itself have done much toward redeeming Florida from the drink evil.—Wesleyan.

THE BLIND TIGER.

Blind tigers are a disgrace to a community. They are evidences of the presence of men whose thirst leads them to lawlessness on the part of the temperate, and whose cowardice and indifference cause them to tolerate a cancerous growth that corrupts the blood and destroys the morals of men who might otherwise be upright. Therefore, both elements of society are discredited by them. But their effects as to habits of drunkenness are confined to those who are already so far gone in morals that the blind tigers can't trust them in court. On the other hand, the open saloon, where liquor is lawfully and attractively sold, entices the tender, upright and worthy. The open saloon creates habits of temperance, vice and crime in boys and men, who, without their presence, would remain sober, upright and respectable. The blind tiger, because of its unlawfulness and having to be secret and cautious in its operations, is confined to those already far gone in the downward road.

Open saloons are the recruiting offices for the army of intemperance and vice; the blind tigers are the practice grounds of unscrupulous men. The blind tigers only invite those inclined to the dissolute; drunkenness is made in open saloons and burnt out in blind tigers.

A FLORIDA TOWN LOOMING.

Carrabelle Has a Bright Future—Many Large Improvements Soon.

Another evidence given that the railroads are great developers. Hotels and business blocks to be constructed at an early date.

Mr. J. P. Williams and Mr. H. W. Witcover, the architect, returned to Savannah Saturday from Lanark and Carrabelle, Fla., where they went to plan extended improvements that are to be made at once. The hotels at both of these places are to be enlarged, and at Carrabelle an entire block of new buildings will be erected.

The improvements, according to the Savannah Morning News, are to be made in accord with plans that Mr. Williams has for developing Carrabelle as the Gulf port for the South American trade. The improvements in regard to harbor facilities and terminal extensions of the Georgia, Florida and Alabama Railroad, of which Mr. Williams is president, were outlined in the Morning News in an interview with Mr. Williams some two weeks ago. His visit to the place with Mr. Witcover was for the purpose of having the architect prepare plans for the buildings that it is proposed to erect. With the increased business and consequent increase in population that the development of the South American trade will bring, larger hotels and more store and office room will be needed.

OPENING A GULF PORT.

That Mr. Williams is going ahead and at once preparing to meet these needs speaks convincingly for his confidence in the future of the port. Mr. Williams believes the time has arrived for the opening of a Gulf port to the South American trade, and that Carrabelle is the logical location. Efforts are now being made to get an appropriation of \$200,000 from Congress for harbor improvements, the proposed work having received the approval of the engineer in charge of the district.

Carrabelle is the commercial port, while Lanark, only 7 miles distant, is a resort of some note, being both a summer and winter resort. At Lanark the hotel, the Lanark Inn, is to be remodeled and enlarged. It is planned to add 50 bed rooms to the hotel. The additions will be so arranged that still further additions can be made later without any change in the general plan. All the necessary bathrooms and other accompaniments for these bedrooms are to be added. It is thought that later the hotel will have to be still further enlarged. It is also proposed to equip the hotel with a steam-heating outfit for the winter patronage.

WORK AT CARRABELLE.

At Carrabelle the hotel, which is very attractively located, is to be also enlarged. Fourteen more rooms will be added to the hotel, and also a new dining hall and kitchen facilities. Entertainment features will also be added. Besides the improvements to be made on the hotel, a whole block of stores will be erected. They will be two-story brick structures. The corner building will be for a bank, while the others will be for stores of various kinds, with offices on the second floor.

Still further improvements are being contemplated, but the foregoing have all been positively agreed upon, and the plans will be prepared by Mr. Witcover at once. Other buildings may be planned later.

Mr. Williams is planning an extensive sale of lots at Lanark sometime about the middle of August. A number of people already own cottages there, and it is thought the colony will be greatly increased after the sale. Many of the cottagers at the resort are from points along the line of the Georgia, Florida and Alabama railroad.

Modest Claims Often Carry the Most Conviction.

When Maxim, the famous gun inventor, placed his gun before a committee of judges, he stated its carrying power to be much below what he felt sure the gun would accomplish. The result of the trial was therefore a great surprise, instead of disappointment. It is the same with the manufacturers of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. They do not publicly boast of all this remedy will accomplish, but prefer to let the users make the statements. What they do claim, is that it will positively cure diarrhoea, dysentery, pains in the stomach and bowels, and has never been known to fail. For sale by all druggists.

Mr. B. A. Meginniss came down from Thomasville Saturday and spent Sunday with his mother, sister and hosts of Tallahassee friends.

Mr. George W. Trice arrived home Saturday from the Soldiers' Home in New Mexico and will remain with his family for a season. After going through a very serious spell of hemorrhages, and standing the long journey home, his friends are pleased that he is now getting along so well.

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dena. Blind tigers are a great disgrace to any community, but the open saloon is a constant, menacing danger to all classes of citizens. The blind tiger is a secret sore eating the vitals of those who have already caught the disease; the open saloon is a center of contagion, planted in the busiest haunts of men, dangerous to every one who passes. The blind tiger is a shame to both temperate and intemperate. The open saloon is a hundred times more dangerous to public peace, order and good morals. Let us have neither.—Brookville Argus.

Susheams from Polk County Record.

In this remarkable day of heart exposures, when all is being brought under a light surcharged as with radium, may we not ask: "After all, is not everybody about as bad as anybody?" But we will try to keep from the repinings of the mere pessimist and the employments of a loathsome character critic.

Lend a hand to the tempted.
Lend a hand to the student at school.
Lend a hand to those who are often misjudged.

Lend a hand to the soul crushed with unpeasable loss.

Lend a hand to the poor fighting the wolf from the door.

Lend a hand to the boy struggling bravely to culture his mind.

Lend a hand to young people whose homes are cold and repelling.

Lend a hand to those whose surroundings are steadily pulling them down.

Lend a hand to the prodigal sister. Her life is as precious as that of her prodigal brother.

Lend a hand to the girl who works, works, works, and knows nothing of recreation or rest.

Lend a hand—an open hand, a warm hand, a strong hand, an uplifting hand, a hand filled always with mercy and help.

Men must learn to labor and to wait if they would succeed. Brains grow by use as well as hands. The greatest man is the one who uses his brains the most—who has added most to his natural stock of power. Would you have fleet feet? Try them in the race. Would you have stronger minds? Put them at rational thinking. They will grow strong by action. Would you have greater success? Use greater and more rational and constant efforts. Does competition trouble you? What is your competitor but a man? Are you a coward, that you shrink from the contest? Then you ought to be beaten. Is the end of your labor a long way off? Every step takes you nearer to it. Is it a weary distance to look at? Ah, you are faint hearted! That is the trouble with the multitude of youth. Youth is not so lazy as it is cowardly. They may bluster at first, but they won't stick it out. Young farmer, do you covet a homestead, nice and comfortable, for yourself and that sweet one of your day dreams? What hinders that you should not have it? Persevering industry with proper economy will give you the farm. A man can get what he wants if he is not faint hearted. Toil is the price of success. The wisest charity is to help a man to help himself. To put a man in the way of supporting himself gives him a new lease of life, makes him feel young again, for it is very many times all a sick man needs to restore him to perfect health.

An anonymous writer wrote a poem that reveals a marvelous defect in the moral penalties. The very sweetest and the best of all our firesides sometimes cross thresholds that will never be touched by the friend of other days. It were infinitely better to die and be devoured by the worms of the dust than to be entombed in living death. The girl who crosses that boundary does so to return never again. She enters oblivion and is ostracized from bosoms upon which she was wont to lean. Pity may redeem her—love never! Her name is spoken in whispers and her phantom form appears amidst the shadows of shame. That's the lovely but blasted girl. The man—ah! The voice of society speaks in other tones here. He's in the parlor with the fairest—he's in the whirl of trade competing with the honorable. Down—down with the social law that makes a distinction where there is no difference! Listen to my poem:

Yes, stone the woman—let the man go free!
Draw back your skirts lest they perchance
May touch the garments as she passes;
But to him put forth a willing hand
And clasp with his that led her to destruction
And disgrace. Shut up from her the sacred
Ways of toil that she may no more win an
Honest meal, but open to him all honorable
Paths where he may win distinction.
Give him fair, pressed down measures
Of life's sweetest joys. Pass her,
Oh, maiden, with a pure proud face,
If she puts out a poor, polluted palm.
But lay thy hand in his on some bridal day,
And swear to cling to him
With wifely love and reverence;
Trust him who led a sister woman
To a fearful fate.
Yes, stone the woman—let the man go free.
Let one soul suffer for the guilt of two
Is the doctrine of a hurried world.
Too out of breath for holding balances
Where nice distinctions and injustices
Are calmly weighed. But, ah! how will it be
On that strange day of final fire and flame,
When men shall stand before the one
True Judge? Shall sex make then
A difference in sin? Shall He,
The searcher of the hidden heart, in
His eternal and divine decrees,
Condemn the woman and forgive the man?

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, that as guardian of Charles O. Lacey, an infant, I will make application to the County Judge of Leon County, Florida, at his office in the court house, in the City of Tallahassee, on Friday August 12th., 1904, at 10 o'clock a. m. or as soon thereafter as I can be heard, for authority to sell the undivided one half interest, subject to every interest of Allen B. Lacey, in the certain interest, Charles O. Lacey, in and to certain lands situated, lying and being in the county of Leon, State of Florida, described as follows, to wit: State Acres Less amount over-paid account "Polls" 24.

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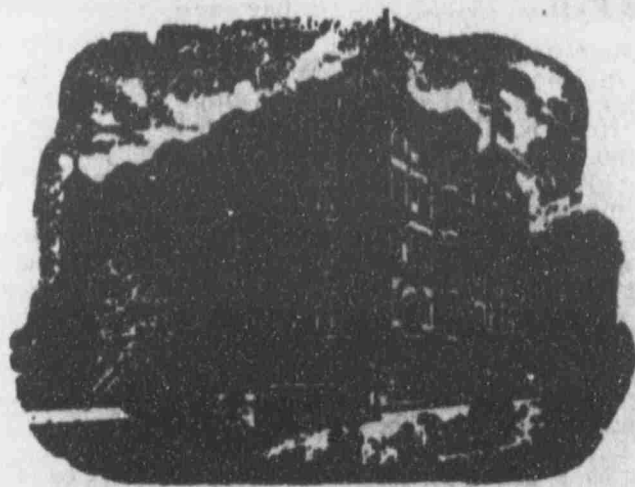
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